

No Passport for Maurer to Visit Workers Abroad

Nearing, at Conference of Radicals, Charges State Department With Bias

Militarism Condemned

After-War Reconstruction To Be Discussed at People's Council House

Almost the first news heard by the delegates to the National Conference on Reconstruction after the war, which was opened by Socialists and other radicals at the People's House, 7 East Fifteenth Street, yesterday, for a three days' session, was that the State Department had refused passports to Europe to James H. Maurer. Maurer had been elected by the radical labor elements to confer with radical labor leaders in the Allied countries. He said he had intended to visit England, Ireland, Switzerland, France and Italy "with a view of finding out what labor in those countries thought of prolonging the war."

The denial of his passport followed a long battle between officials of the State Department and Louis P. Lochner, secretary of the People's Council, 128 West Thirtieth Street, who had been charged with the formalities of getting the document. Maurer is president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor. A year ago he was ranked among the avowed pacifists, but since then had been working for "economic construction after the war."

Twelve letters were exchanged between the State Department and Lochner, and the efforts to get Maurer a passport involved the attention of R. W. Flournoy, jr., of the Bureau of Citizenship; Breckinridge Long, Third Assistant Secretary of State; Frank L. Polk, counselor of the State Department; and Alvey A. Adee, Second Assistant Secretary of State, all of whom wrote letters.

When the 200 delegates to the conference assembled yesterday they waited eagerly to learn whether success had crowned their efforts "to put Maurer across." After Algernon Lee had called the session to order, he introduced Dr. Scott Nearing to explain the business before the conference.

Most of Lochner's letters to Washington, Dr. Nearing explained, were to show that American workmen wanted to participate in the Inter-Allied Labor and Socialist Conference held in London, "as labor in all the other Allied countries had done."

The denial of Maurer's passport was contained in a letter from Mr. Polk, who said: "Because of present conditions, the department is issuing passports for European countries only in cases of necessary service. As it does not appear that Mr. Maurer's mission falls within that category, the department is obliged to decline to grant him a passport."

"Yet," said Dr. Nearing, "the American Federation of Labor has sent delegates abroad and those delegates are being royally entertained by the British government. Had Mr. Maurer gone he would not have been entertained royally by the British government."

"Since Italy and France permitted labor there to send delegates without restriction as to the body to which they belonged, we in this country feel that we have been shunted off. We thought that the next best thing would be to hold this conference, and thus give a voice to labor's efforts to gain recognition in those great economic changes which are to come after the war. We need to act because the reactionaries, taking advantage of the emotional times, are conducting a drive to put over militarism after the war."

Dr. Nearing pointed out that Charles E. Hallinan, of the American Union Against Militarism, and Isaac McBride, of the People's Council, had been sent to Washington to lobby against universal military training.

Austria Tries in Vain To Stop Defection Of the Yugoslavs

Ally and Common Army in Dual Monarchy

(Special Dispatch to The Tribune) WASHINGTON, May 3.—The Austro-Hungarian monarchy realizes the peril to itself in the Italy-Jugoslav entente and is taking measures, although ineffective, to overcome it, according to the "Slovenic," a Slovene newspaper, the following extract from which was made public by the Serbian Press Bureau today:

"In the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a separate section has been established with the object of looking after friendly propaganda in favor of the Allies in the Austro-Hungarian countries and the common army. Dr. Reicher, that the Austro-Hungarian government is well aware of such intentions, and that they have already taken all necessary measures, although these cannot as yet be made public."

The German newspapers have begun at the same time to call the attention of the Yugoslavs to Italian imperialism and show all at once great devotion to our country which, they say, is needed by the Italian people. With a special affection for our people and affection never known before, they urge us to beware of our Italian neighbors, enumerating all the points of the London understanding with regard to our territory.

In publishing this agreement, the "Gazet Tagblatt," that ultra national German organ, wished to give us a political lesson of which they might have saved themselves the trouble. It was superfluous, if for no other reason, because it came from German nationalists, whose counsels we can never follow.

The Austrian government and the German newspapers are troubling themselves in vain to do to us what the Italian propaganda would like to do to us. It is more important if they would take care to improve their system of government, the oppression and injustice of which only helps the work of the propaganda. (Further thirty lines censored.)

America Getting Short of Sulphuric Acid for War

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Although the production of sulphuric acid has doubled since the beginning of the war, it is not equal America's explosive requirements by the end of the year. Arthur E. Wells, acid expert of the Bureau of Mines, told the Senate Mines Committee today at a hearing on the mineral control bill.

He favored a price guarantee for five years on pyrites to increase production.

Senate Insists On \$2.50 as Wheat Price

Returns Measure to Conference, Where It Is Expected Proposal Will Die

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The Senate again to-day formally went on record in favor of increasing the government minimum guaranteed price for wheat from \$2 to \$2.50 a bushel, despite rejection of the proposal by the House. It insisted on the wheat clause in the agricultural appropriation bill, returning the measure to conference, but it generally was expected the proposal would die there.

Advocates of the price increase admit there virtually is no possibility that the House conferees will yield, and the Senate's insistence largely was a routine procedure. The measure is returning to conference, with prospects of a deadlock and final recession by the Senate.

"I am unalterably opposed to this increase," said Senator Pomerene, of Ohio. "It would be a public calamity. This increase of thirty cents a bushel means an increase of \$20,000,000 to \$250,000,000 to the cost of bread."

"The increase would be one cent on each loaf of bread," Senator Gore replied. Senator Gore said in the West farmers were ploughing under wheat, because there was a better profit in rye and other grain.

Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, asked if it were fair to fix the price of the farmer's products and not fix the price of those things he must buy. Senator Gore replied he did not believe in the price fixing principle in general. He said it was better to have high priced bread than to have none.

Charges Burleson Tried to Mislead Senate on Tubes

Bankhead Writes of "Mis-statements" and Untrue Remarks

(Special Dispatch to The Tribune)

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Postmaster General Burleson is charged with "glaring misstatements of facts" in a letter sent to every member of the Senate to-day by Senator Bankhead of Alabama, chairman of the Congressional Pneumatic Tube Commission, which recently recommended that the government acquire the pneumatic mail tubes in New York, Boston and other cities. The letter, which is signed by Chairman Bankhead and Senators Hardwick, of Georgia, and Weeks, of Massachusetts, of the commission, is in criticism of a personal communication sent to each Senator by the Postmaster General, in which he urged abandonment of mail tube service.

The Congressional Tube Commission not only severely criticized the propriety of Mr. Burleson's attempt to "influence the action of Senators" after he had had ample opportunity to present his case previously, but go so far as to charge that some of the statements sent to members of the Senate were "untrue."

"Regret the Necessity" The commission letter reads in part: "The undersigned members of the commission appointed last year to investigate the pneumatic tube mail service in six of the largest cities regret the necessity for calling attention to a personal letter to members of the Senate by the Postmaster General, in which he protests the action of five of the six members of that commission, who, after a thorough investigation, recommended the purchase of the pneumatic tube system, contrary to the pronounced views of the Postmaster General."

"The Postmaster General, apparently not content with having repeatedly recommended the abandonment of tube service, attempts to influence the action of Senators, and addresses a personal letter to each Senator, which, aside from a number of glaring misstatements of facts, presents arguments against the utility value of the tubes which he and his assistants have heretofore repeatedly submitted to Congress."

Hot Denial by Senator "The commission not only did not ignore the department during its investigation, but, on the contrary, and at the very outset, requested the Postmaster General to designate one of his experts, having knowledge of tube service, to assist the commission, which was done."

"In each tube city the postmaster was requested to accompany the commission, and from three to five of the supervisory officials in each office also accompanied the commission and were present throughout the entire investigation."

"The implied statement in his letter, expressing regret that the commission did not summon his officials to the knowledge of the subject, and that thereby the position of the department was ignored, cannot be construed other than as an attempt to prejudice the minds of Senators and to discredit the report of the commission."

U. S. Seeks Source Of German Charges

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The State Department has requested the Spanish Foreign Office to obtain from the German government information concerning the Berlin allegation that American aviators have been transported to France on hospital ships or as ambulance service members.

The Berlin announcement contained the claim that the German government possessed documentary proofs. This claim was flatly contradicted to-day by the State Department. The War Department denied it several days ago.

The State Department has taken up a number of cases of alleged mistreatment of American prisoners of war by Germany, but in every instance the Berlin government has replied through the Spanish Embassy at Berlin that American prisoners are treated exactly as are other prisoners of war in Germany.

Information received through official channels indicates that none of Germany's prisoners of war are very well treated, but that on the contrary their treatment is bad.

U. S. To Try Out Wooden Soles on Soldiers' Shoes

BROCKTON, Mass., May 3.—Experiments with wooden soles as a substitute for leather in army shoes has been ordered by the government, it was learned to-day.

An order for 1,000 soles to be made of both maple and poplar wood has been placed with a firm in this city. The manufacturers claim that a saving of nearly two dollars a pair can be made if the sole is found to answer requirements.

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An extraordinary Event! Clearance of 300 Women's Suits Formerly \$29.50 to \$45

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Regardless of the style of suit you may desire, this collection is so inclusive that you cannot help but satisfy your requirements.

The materials include Tricotine, Serge, Twills, Tweeds, Hair-line Suitings, Khaki Kool, Taffeta, Silk Faille, and other fashionable cloths. Splendid range of colors and sizes.
Fourth Floor.

New Foulard Frocks for Women at \$20



The season's most remarkable offering in distinctive frocks for afternoon wear.

Surplice and tailored waist models, with draped or tunic skirts. Fashioned of Silk Foulard in Block, Ring and Flash patterns. Colors: Navy Blue, Copenhagen Blue and Black.

Women's Tailor-Made Dresses Greatly Reduced

Skilfully tailored in Serge and Wool Jersey

Serge Dresses that were \$20 and \$25.....\$14.50
Serge Dresses that were \$25 and \$29.50.....\$18.50
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Jersey Dresses that were \$29.50 and \$39.50.....\$25.00

Clever Styles in Summer Furs Specially Priced

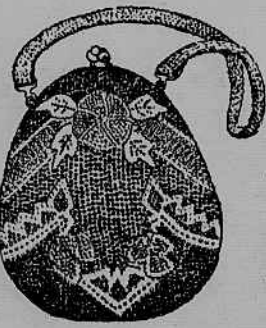
Our Fur Department is brimful of smart neckpieces and coatees, fashioned of Furs of rare beauty. Specially featured today:

Wolf Scarfs of selected skins.....\$25.00
Fox Scarfs in assorted colors.....\$39.50
Taupe Color Lynx Scarfs.....\$35.00
Nutria Scarfs in smart models.....\$19.50
Hudson Seal Cape Coatee, in new belted model.....\$48.50
Seal-Dyed Nutria Coatee with natural Squirrel collar.....\$77.50

150 Solid Beaded Bags

in an important sale

at \$15



These beautiful bags are in colorings and designs such as are usually confined to the most exclusive imported models.

The patterns are not only different, but so tasteful in design as to appeal to the most critical.

At \$15 they are simply wonderful!

In the May Sale of Corsets for Women, Misses and Growing Girls

At \$7.50—Reg. \$10
At \$1.50—Reg. \$2.50

La Vida Corsets in plain or fancy Broche, trimmed with lace and ribbon. Low and medium top models.

American Lady Corsets in Novelty White Batiste. Low top and medium skirt. Lightly boned for medium figures.

At \$3—Reg. \$4.50

La Vida, American Lady and Modart front-laced Corsets in low and medium top models. Incomplete sizes.

We request the strictest observance of the seven-day limit for the return of merchandise, to insure war-time efficiency and economy

Sale of Women's Fashionable Capes & Coats the styles are the smartest shown this season

At \$19.50—Reg. \$29.50—A large collection of coats for street and general wear, beautifully tailored in Serge, Khaki Cloth, Covert, Waterproof Tweeds, and a variety of other fashionable materials. Half lined with Peau de Cygne. Sizes 34 to 46, but not in each model.

At \$25—Reg. \$39.50 to \$45—A wonderful collection of new coats and capes for general wear, featuring many exclusive style features in collars, pockets, and belts. The materials include Poret Twill, Velour de Laine, Silk Poplin, Taffeta, Men's Wear Serge, and Satin with large collar and border of Marabou. Half or full lined with Fancy Silk or Peau de Cygne. Sizes 34 to 46, and in some models to 52½.
Fourth Floor.

For Today, Saturday Only—

Women's Undermuslins at \$1.50

Just one lot—a manufacturer's stock on hand, which we purchased at a very special price. The selection comprises:

Envelope Chemises in twelve good styles, elaborately trimmed with laces and embroideries. All very carefully made.

Nightgowns of Pink Batiste, lace trimmed, or Nainsook with lace, embroidery and ribbon beading.

Women's Silk Petticoats

in Crepe de Chine, Washable Satin, Tub Silks

Very Special at \$3, \$4, \$5

In White and Flesh color. Some beautifully trimmed with lace, others in tailored effects. Some models with double panels.

One Lot of Double Panel

Washable Satin Petticoats, \$4

A wonderful offering. White only. Made with shirred flounce, finished with deep hem.



Saturday—An Extraordinary Presentation of

\$5.85 Wonder Hats

We have assembled for this special week-end display a wonderful collection of the most charming and individual of trimmed hats now being shown in the more expensive shops on the Avenue. The values throughout are so extraordinary as to make this the most remarkable presentation of Wonder Hats this season. Among many others are included:

Smart rough straw Hats with Georgette Crepe facings; Dainty Georgette Crepe Hats; Cleverly Styled Organdie Hats; and Hundreds of Small Hats with the new Fringe and other Smart Trimmings. Three Styles Illustrated

A Most Important Offering Saturday—

Boys' Middy Suits at \$6.50



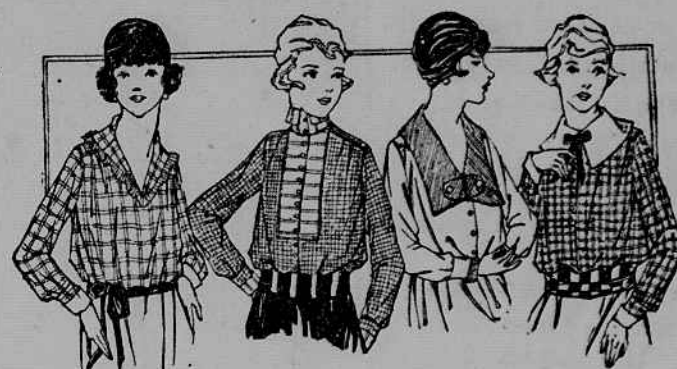
Nothing better for Spring wear. Tailored in fine quality All-Wool Navy Blue Serge, with embroidered emblem on arm. Sizes 3 to 8 years.

Boys' Suits with Extra Knickers at \$13

Unusually well-tailored in a wide range of newest Spring Woolens. The models afford a pleasing charge from anything before shown this season. Sizes 7 to 18 years.

Sale of Lingerie Blouses

at most remarkable savings



\$1.45 \$2 \$1 \$1.45

At \$1—Twelve new models in Fancy Voile, Checked Batiste, Roman Strappings with Pique collars, White Voile with colored Linen collars, and White Voile with Tuxedo collars and cuffs of colored Linen. At one dollar—remarkable!

At \$1.45—New tailored blouses of cross-bar Voile with smart Peter Pan collar and cuffs of White Organdie. Also—fashionable slip-over blouses of Shadow Plaid White Voile.

At \$2—Stunning Pin Checked Organdie blouses with tucked bosom of White Organdie. Collar and cuffs of tucked Organdie to match.

Also at \$2—Twenty new models in Fancy Voiles, Organdie and Batiste. Wonderful values.

Women's Smart Skirts

Very Specially priced Saturday

At \$5—Smart skirts in the much-desired button-trimmed models, showing new style pockets and belts. Tailored in Wool Velour, Checks, Stripes, Serges and Plaid Silks. Waistbands 25 to 36.

At \$9.75—Dressy and sports skirts in the very fashionable pleated and straight-line effects. Obtainable in Silk Poplin, Taffeta, Plaid Satins, Fancy Satin Baronette. Sizes 25 to 36.

In Our Highly Specialized Misses' Dep't

New Sports Suits for Misses at \$25 and \$29.50



Taffeta \$18.50 Girls' Dress \$7.95 Serge Cape \$28

Nothing newer or more chic than these tailored, button-trimmed, pleated and belted suits for misses. They are just brimful of youthful style notes. Superior quality Wool Jersey in High Sport Shades, Heather Mixtures, Invisible Plaids, Mannish Tweeds, and Men's Wear Serge are the materials. Sizes 14 to 18 years.

Swagger Serge Capes for Misses at \$28

Smartest of Coatee, Draped, Vestee, Naval and Full-Flaring models, trimmed with braid or buttons. Individual in line, tailored in fine quality Serge and may be had lined throughout or unlined. Sizes 14 to 18 years.

Misses' Dainty Silk Frocks, \$18.50

These newest of fashions in youthful frocks are developed in Lustrous Taffeta, Crepe de Chine, soft Satin, Silk Foulard, and combinations of Georgette Crepe and Organdie, featuring the girlish "Jenny" neck, Peter Pan collar, Tight Bodice, and Wind-about belt. Colors: Peacock Blue, Rose, Navy Blue, Grey, Beige, Flesh Pink, and White. Sizes 14 to 18 years.

Girls' Coats Greatly Reduced to \$7.95 and \$9.95

Youthful belted models in broken sizes and color ranges. Every coat in the lot a phenomenal value. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Charming Frocks for the "Hard to Fit" Girl, \$7.95

Delightful straight line, tunic and two-piece models, with touches of hand-smocking and embroidery. Fashioned of Striped Voile, French Chambray, and large Plaid or Checked Gingham. Sizes 10 to 16 years.